

MISCELLANY

Under this department are ordinarily grouped: News Items; Letters; Special Articles; Twenty-Five Years Ago column; California Board of Medical Examiners; and other columns as occasion may warrant. Items for News column must be furnished by the fifteenth of the preceding month. For Book Reviews, see index on the front cover, under Miscellany.

NEWS

Coming Meetings†

California Medical Association. Session will convene in Los Angeles. Dates of the seventy-fourth annual session, to be held in 1945: Sunday, Monday, May 6-7.

American Medical Association. The 1945 Session, previously scheduled for Philadelphia, will not be held. See J.A.M.A., January 20, 1945.

The Platform of the American Medical Association

The American Medical Association advocates:

1. *The establishment of an agency of Federal Government under which shall be coordinated and administered all medical and health functions of the Federal Government, exclusive of those of the Army and Navy.*

2. *The allotment of such funds as the Congress may make available to any state in actual need for the prevention of disease, the promotion of health, and the care of the sick on proof of such need.*

3. *The principle that the care of the public health and the provision of medical service to the sick is primarily a local responsibility.*

4. *The development of a mechanism for meeting the needs of expansion of preventive medical services with local determination of needs and local control of administration.*

5. *The extension of medical care for the indigent and the medically indigent with local determination of needs and local control of administration.*

6. *In the extension of medical services to all the people, the utmost utilization of qualified medical and hospital facilities already established.*

7. *The continued development of the private practice of medicine, subject to such changes as may be necessary to maintain the quality of medical services and to increase their availability.*

8. *Expansion of public health and medical services consistent with the American system of democracy.*

(Note: For interpretative comments, see J.A.M.A., June 24, 1944, pp. 574-576.)

Medical Broadcasts*

The Los Angeles County Medical Association:

The following is the Los Angeles County Medical Association's radio broadcast schedule for the current month, all broadcasts being given on Saturdays:

KFAC presents the Saturday programs at 10:15 a. m., under the title, "Your Doctor and You."

In December, KFAC will present these broadcasts on the following Saturdays: January 6, 13, 20, and 27.

The Saturday broadcasts of KFI are given at 9:45 a. m., under the title, "The Road to Health."

"Doctors at War":

Radio broadcasts of "Doctors at War" by the American Medical Association is on the air each Saturday at 1:30 p. m., Pacific War Time.

† In the front advertising section of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, various rosters of national officers and organizations appear each week, each list being printed about every fourth week.

* County societies giving medical broadcasts are requested to send information as soon as arranged.

Pharmacological Items of Potential Interest to Clinicians*:

1. *Philosophers Look to Scientists:* Columbia Univ. Press sponsors significant group of philosophical efforts attempting to apply implications of current knowledge to our faiths and beliefs: Ray Lepley's *Verifiability of Value* (N. Y., 1944, suggesting scientific basis for ethics); L. S. Eby's *The Quest for Moral Law* (ditto). and symposium edited by Y. H. Krikorian, *Naturalism and the Human Spirit* (ditto). But, alas, none refer to C. H. Waddington's *Science and Ethics: An Essay and a Discussion* (London, Unwin, 1942). The difficulties of western science in the philosophical development of the future are implied in the essays edited by C. A. Moore, *Philosophy East and West* (Princeton, 1944). The Princeton Press asks if you have discovered S. Kierkegaard (12 volumes available)? Seems to have been a rare Christian. A. E. Morgan offers fine appreciation of Edward Bellamy (1850-98), author of significant *Looking Backward* (Boston, 1888), issued by Columbia Press (N. Y., 1944).

2. *Blood and Shock:* E. Mylon, C. W. Cashman and M. C. Winternitz summarize succinate and plasma therapy of tourniquet shock (*Am. J. Physiol.*, 142:299, 1944). I. H. Page describes cardio-vascular changes resulting from severe scalds (*Ibid.*, p. 366). J. E. Davis reports 3 oral doses 10 mgm./Kg. choline chloride daily reduces rbc's 30 per cent in normal dogs in 2-3 months and that liver or stomach orally corrects this hyperchromic anemia rapidly while atropine does so slowly (*Ibid.*, p. 402). A. E. Shaw & Co. emphasize hematocrit and plasma protein estimations in controlling infusions for shock therapy (*Med. J. Austral.*, 2:301, Sept. 16, 1944). Excellent symposium on blood: G. L. Taylor and R. R. Race and W. T. Morgan on blood groups and Rh; C. J. Britton on anemias; H. Scarborough on hemoglobinometry; and E. P. Sharpey-Shafer on dynamics of hemorrhage (*Brit. Med. Bull.*, 2:160-192, 1944).

3. *Choline enzymes:* J. F. Fulton and D. Nachmansohn & Co. suggest release of acetylcholine intracellularly depolarizes cell membrane rendering it permeable to all ions, thus generating action potential current to stimulate adjacent region; and show parallelism between choline esterase activity and voltage of action potential (*Science*, 97:569, 1943; 100:454, Nov. 17, 1944). F. Schutz shows high cholinergic activity is a factor in epilepsy (*Quart. J. Exp. Physiol.*, 33:35, 1944).

4. *Bacteriostatics and Antibiotics:* W. T. Salter gives full review of significance of antibiotics and bacteriostatics in blood and body fluids (*New Eng. J. Med.*, 231:651, Nov. 9, 1944). A. Winkler confirms local anesthetic inhibition of sulfonamide action (*Zentralb. bakt. parasit. infect.*, 151:106, 1944). D. G. Evans & Co. find p-methyl-sulfonyl-benzamidine HCl highly useful IM against Cl. welchii and other gas formers (*Lancet*, 2:523, Oct. 21, 1944). Skin sensitization to sulfonamides locally may be treated and prevented by low dosage orally, say B. C. Tate and L. Klorfajan (*Ibid.*, p. 553, Oct. 28, 1944). M. J. Romansky and G. E. Rittman's method of prolonging penicillin action by IM injection of peanut-oil and beeswax mixtures (*Science* 100:196,

* These items submitted by Chauncey D. Leake, formerly Director of U. C. Pharmacologic Laboratory, now Dean of University of Texas Medical School.

Sept 1, 1944), is confirmed by G. W. Raiziss (*Ibid.*, p. 412, Nov. 3, 1944), in suggesting single injection daily. A. H. Free & Co. offer evidence of effective absorption of penicillin from oral administration (*Ibid.*, p. 431, Nov. 10, 1944). M. Trumper and A. M. Hutter apply ice bag to area of penicillin injection to delay absorption and thus to prolong action (*Ibid.*, p. 432). See special penicillin issue *Brit. J. Surg.* (32:109-224, July supplement, 1944), with fine color pictures in E. Culter's article, and H. Florey's principles of treatment.

5. *Looking to a Happier New Year:* Our own C. M. Pomerat and L. Anigstein are first to offer experimental check on Russian anti-reticular cytotoxic sera (*Science*: 100:456, Nov. 17, 1944). Our own G. A. Emerson notes limiting effects of privity (*J. Pharmacol.*, 82:42, 1944). R. M. Stecher continues keen studies on mechanism of inheritance of Heberden's Nodes (*J. Clin. Invest.*, 23:699, 1944). P. Cristol & Co. note relative rapidity of hydrolysis of monohalogenated acetic acids, confirming probability of negligible toxicity if used as food and beverage stabilizers (*Bull. Soc. chim.*, 11:58, 1944; *Univ. Calif. Publ. Pharmacol.*, 1:397, 1941). Great group of sex hormone reports form appropriate memorial to Edgar Allen (*Yale J. Biol. Med.*, 17:1-349, Oct., 1944). Note 2nd Ed. M. A. Pei's *Languages for War and Peace* (S. F. Vanni, 30 W. 12th, N. Y., 1944, \$5.00). Congratulations to Nobelates Dam, Doisy, Erlanger and Gasser! More next year!

Beaumont Memorial Foundation Brochure.—Organization of the Dr. William Beaumont Memorial Foundation is announced in a handsome brochure now available to members of the profession. The home of the foundation is at Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin, where Dr. Beaumont carried on many of his history-making experiments. It is housed in a restoration of the old Fort Crawford Military Hospital.

The Foundation was organized as a memorial to the pioneer physiologist and as an American medical shrine. It is sponsored by a group of eminent medical men and community-minded Wisconsin citizens.

Officers and directors are: M. J. Dyrud, President; Dr. O. E. Satter, Vice President; Dr. T. F. Farrell, Treasurer; J. A. Dru'yor, Secretary; Cal Peters, Curator. Medical Advisors are: Dr. P. L. Scanlon, Dr. H. H. Kleinpell, Dr. J. J. Kane, Dr. C. A. Armstrong, Dr. E. H. Lechtenberg and Dr. E. M. Dessloch. Directors: Dr. W. D. Stoval, Chairman of the Board, Dr. O. E. Satter, Dr. T. F. Farrell, Mayor F. W. Clanton, Mr. P. H. Schmidt, F. A. Otto and M. J. Dyrud.

Advisory Board: Dr. Walter J. Meek, Chairman. Members: Dr. Arno B. Luckhardt, Dr. Walter B. Cannon, Prof. Ben Elliott and Dr. Edward P. Alexander.

The announcement brochure gives an interesting history of Beaumont, the New England boy whose backwoods research and observations laid the ground work of modern physiological science. It carries many excerpts from Dr. Beaumont's diaries as well as his famous "51 Inferences."

Medical men may secure a copy of the booklet by writing the Dr. William Beaumont Memorial Foundation, Prairie Du Chien, Wisconsin.

NBC Radio Broadcasts.—Beginning January 6 and continuing through June 30, 1945, the American Medical Association and the National Broadcasting Company will present the twelfth consecutive season of nationwide network health broadcasts.

The title of the series for 1945 will be *Doctors Look Ahead*, including in the series broadcasts relating to war-time and postwar developments, with special emphasis on

medical progress of the present day, and what it foreshadows for the nation's health in the immediate future.

Topics will be announced weekly in *THE JOURNAL* and monthly in *Hygeia*. Fast moving events may, however, cause last minute substitution of topics. Local newspapers should be consulted for announcements of time and stations. The program will be broadcast each Saturday at 4 p.m. Eastern War Time (3 p.m. Central, 2 p.m. Mountain and 1 p.m. Pacific War Time). When conflicts exist with local programs, rebroadcast may be arranged at hours other than on the network schedule. The following are the topics for January:

January 6, Doctors at War.

January 13, Pneumonia.

January 20, Sulfa Drugs (Dr. Austin Smith).

January 27, Penicillin (Dr. Austin Smith).

The broadcast will be under the supervision of the Bureau of Health Education, whose director, Dr. W. W. Bauer, will summarize each program except when other speakers are announced.

American Society for the Study of Sterility.—Recently in Chicago the "American Society for the Study of Sterility" was organized. The new organization has for its objectives: 1. The encouragement of scientific investigation of fertility and infertility; 2. The improvement of the diagnosis and treatment of infertility; 3. The correlation and dissemination of the information obtained from these studies.

Among officers who were elected were John O. Haman, M.D., of San Francisco as Secretary, and Lewis Michelson, M.D., of San Francisco as a member of the Board of Directors.

Lederle Program Stations in Pacific Area.—"The Doctors Talk It Over" is broadcast coast-to-coast every Friday, and may be heard in your vicinity over the stations and at the local broadcast times listed below:

CALIFORNIA

			1410 K.C.	10:30-10:45 P.M.
Bakersfield	KERN	940	"	"
Fresno-Visalia	KTKC	940	"	"
Los Angeles	KECA	790	"	"
Riverside	KPRO	1440	"	"
Sacramento	KFBK	1530	"	"
San Francisco	KGO	810	"	"
Santa Barbara	KTMS	1250	"	"
Stockton	KWG	1230	"	"
Watsonville	KHUB	1340	"	"

For the month of January, Nineteen Hundred and Forty-Five, in the Lederle radio program "The Doctors Talk It Over," the following guest speakers were on the program:

January 5, Karl Meyer, M.D., The Hooper Foundation for Medical Research at the University of California. Subject: "Psittacosis or Parrot Fever."

January 12, Wesley W. Spink, M.D., University of Minnesota Medical School. Subject: "Penicillin."

January 19, Paul Dudley White, M.D., Past-President of the American Heart Association. Subject: "Diseases of the Heart."

January 26, Thomas Francis, Jr., M.D., Professor of Epidemiology, School of Public Health, University of Michigan. Subject: "Outlook for the Control of Influenza."

These timely programs will be broadcast coast-to-coast over the Blue Network each Friday evening.

In working days lost per case, tuberculosis heads the list of unnecessary disabilities. This national loss is not due alone to doctors, nor the public health service, nor the ignorance and the carelessness of the people themselves. The blame belongs to all three.—Kendall Emerson, M.D.